

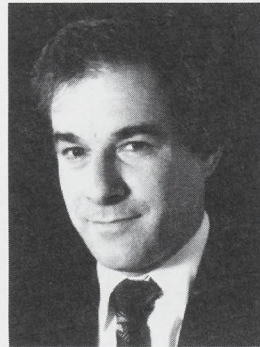
MIKE KEATS TO MANAGE INTER PRESS

Mike Keats, long-time UPI foreign correspondent in Europe, Africa and Asia, is the new managing editor of Inter Press Service, a Third World news agency based in Amsterdam, the Netherlands. Founded nearly 30 years ago, IPS maintains correspondents and stringers in about 100 countries and runs a daily news wire in English and Spanish, with bulletins in Dutch, French, German, Finnish, Norwegian, Swedish, Portuguese, Nepali and Kiswahili.

Keats was formerly vice president and general manager of UPI's Asia-Pacific Division, based in Hong Kong, where he was a president of the Foreign Correspondents Club, and later vice president of UPI's international operations in Washington, D.C.

NEW TITLES AT TIMES AND POST

The *Washington Post* has appointed



David Ignatius

David Ignatius to succeed Peter Behr as assistant managing editor in charge of business coverage.

Leonard Downie, executive editor, said Ignatius, 42, who joined the newspaper in 1986, helped make the *Post's* "prize-winning international coverage the best in the business at a time of historic change in the world."

Ignatius has served as the *Post's* foreign editor and as editor of the Sunday Outlook section. He also worked for 10 years at *The Wall Street Journal*.

Shirley Christian, former bureau chief of The New York Times in San Salvador, has



Shirley Christian

retired from the paper.

Formerly bureau chief in Buenos Aires, Christian had worked at *The Times* since 1985. She had covered Latin America since 1968.

In addition to receiving the Pulitzer in 1981, Christian also received the George Polk award that year for coverage of Central America. She is the author of "Nicaragua: Revolution in the Family."

ARMISTICE REUNION PLANNED

Correspondents who covered the Korean War are planning a late July reunion in Washington, D.C., to mark the 40th anniversary of the Korean Armistice Agreement, signed at Panmunjom on July 27, 1953. The weekend reunion will include a Friday reception, a Saturday banquet and other events. Dates will be announced later. For details, contact

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TREGASKIS BOOK WINS HIGH PRAISE

In December, the Copley News Service called OPCer **Moana Tregaskis'** new book "Hawai'i" "a rich treasure trove of Hawaiian." The review added, "History, culture and language are all presented in a strong and readable volume...For the visitor there is a veritable

almanac of useful facts to make travel in the islands easier and more meaningful—transportation, accommodations, climate and recreational opportunities."

Tregaskis' 359-page book, illustrated with maps and photos, was published late last year by Compass America, a Random House imprint.

OBITUARY

William Lander, a member of the Overseas Press Club since the 1960s, died March 13 at the age of 89. He was a former UPI correspondent and a press attaché to the U.S. embassy in Mexico.

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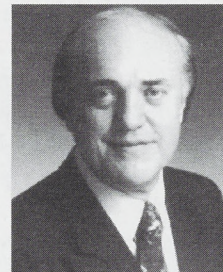
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Daylong Workshop in Foreign Reporting Next Week

A daylong workshop, presented by The OPC Foundation and the Center for Communications, is being held for students on how to become a foreign correspondent. The event will be held on **Tuesday, April 13**, from 10 to 4 in the auditorium of the lower level of the General Electric building at 570 Lexington Ave.

Speakers will include Peter Arnett and Richard Roth of CNN, Tom Kent of the Associated Press, and Johanna McGeary from *Time*. The sessions will be held at the Center for Communications, at 570



Peter Arnett

Lexington Ave.

H.L. Stevenson, head of the OPC Foundation, and Irina Posner and Catherine Williams of the Center say a panel of correspondents and editors will speak during the morning session from 10 to noon on how to prepare for a career in foreign reporting.

Arnett will speak during lunch, consisting of sandwiches, fruit and soft drinks, which are being provided by the foundation. Members of the Overseas Press Club are invited for the entire program, but they are especially



Johanna McGeary

urged to come at lunchtime to meet with the students in the audience.

"We need the support of all OPC members," Stevenson said, referring not only to the workshop but also to the foundation's need for financial support. "Your contributions, large or small, will help us work more closely with young people and raise the OPC's visibility. We hope to hold at least one workshop each year and to increase the number of scholarships."

Contributions are tax deductible. They can be sent to the foundation at the club's new office at 320 East 42nd Street, New York, N.Y., 10017.

Calling all writers...
WHAT STANDS OUT AMONG YOUR EXPERIENCES AS A JOURNALIST?
WHAT MOVED YOU, INTRIGUED YOU, ALARMED YOU? IS THERE A PARTICULAR STORY YOU LIKE TO SHARE THE MOST? TELL US ABOUT IT. NO—WRITE IT, IN 500 WORDS OR SO, THEN SEND IT TO THE OPC OFFICE, C/O AMY SIVCO.

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until his career in print journalism was cut short because of economic hard times. He then moved on to NBC, first as a radio news writer, and later as part of the early days of live television. NBC assigned him to its Vienna bureau in 1958. While overseas he covered events in Paris, Rome and Tunis, the Algerian revolt, and the abortive summit conference in Paris.

Assigned to NBC's Moscow bureau in 1960, Chancellor was on hand for the spy trial of the captured U-2 pilot, Francis Gary Powers, as well as the historic meeting between President John F. Kennedy and Nikita Khrushchev in 1961.

After he returned to New York, he was named as host of the "Today Show," where he remained for a brief period. Chancellor then went on to become White House correspondent and so impressed President Lyndon B. Johnson, that he was asked to become the director of the Voice of America.

Chancellor served as anchorman for the "NBC Nightly News" from 1970 to 1982 when he moved into the position of commentator, which he relished because, as he explained to one interviewer, "All I have to do is write something and read it. There is no production, no editor. It's pure."

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Bosnian Envoy Calls War 'New Genocide'

BY TARA BAHRAMPOUR

Calling Bosnia "a test case for the new world order," Muhamed Sacirbey, the permanent representative to the United Nations of Bosnia and Herzegovina, told members of the Overseas Press Club last month that the Western nations should lift the months-old arms embargo that has crippled Bosnian soldiers fighting against the Serbs.

Sacirbey, appointed as Bosnia's Permanent Representative, and Ambassador to the United Nations when the republic was admitted to the United Nations last May, compared the events in his country to the Nazi activities of World War II. He criticized negotiators in Bosnia, specifically the United Nations representative Cyrus Vance and the European Community representative Lord David Owen, for

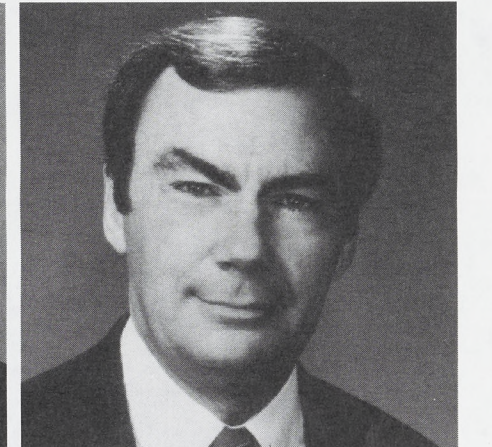
'Everything humanity stands for is at risk,' said the ambassador.

labeling the fighting in Bosnia a "civil war." This definition, he said, puts Bosnia in a league with "third or fourth world" nations and allows Western nations to take a "hands-off" approach when dealing with them.

Among the United States and other Western nations, he cited "a basic lack



John Chancellor, left, the NBC News commentator, will receive the President's Award at this year's awards dinner, while Sam Donaldson of ABC will present the awards.



Awards Dinner April 27th

BY CARYN FRIEDMAN

John Chancellor, the NBC News commentator whose retirement this spring caps a distinguished career, will receive the President's Award at the annual Overseas Press Club awards dinner at the Grand Hyatt, in New York City, Tuesday, April 27 at 6 P.M.

Sam Donaldson, co-anchor of ABC's "PrimeTime" will present the awards. "Order your tickets now for what promises to be a dynamic event," said Larry Smith, the club president.

As he approaches his announced retirement from NBC, Chancellor joins a select group of television journalists whose names are representative of the high standards set for the medium by pioneers like Edward R. Murrow and Eric Sevareid. "His long-term dedication to presenting the news without the theatrical embellishments that used to turn the news into entertainment, makes John Chancellor a distinctly worthy recipient of the OPC's President's Award," Smith declared.

Chancellor's career as a reporter, foreign bureau chief, anchorman, and commentator for NBC has spanned four

decades and has taken him to all corners of the globe.

Sam Donaldson, who also needs no introduction, will graciously lend his wit and keen commentary to this year's dinner as presenter of the awards. Visible each week as co-anchor of the weekly magazine show, "PrimeTime," and as a regular panelist on "This Week With David Brinkley," Donaldson's work has been honored frequently as some of the finest in television journalism, particularly during his 12-year tenure at the White House.

He has won three Emmy awards and a Peabody, and he was named the "Best Television Correspondent in the Business" for four consecutive years by the *Washington Journalism Review*. Known for his hard-hitting questioning and mercurial personality, Donaldson will no doubt infuse this year's awards dinner with his inimitable spirit, making it a memorable occasion for all.

Chancellor, a native of Chicago, left the confines of school in 1948 to become a copyboy at the Chicago *SunTimes*, where he moved up through the ranks

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Correspondent Evades Blasts In Bombay

BY SHEKHAR HATTANGADI

Bombay, India—After two blood-rushes of riots, looting and arson in December and January, the city was heaving a sigh of relief that February had actually passed by without fresh incidents. But then 13 car bombs ripped through southern and central Bombay in a couple of hours, killing more than 300, injuring nearly 2,000, and destroying property worth millions.

Bombay is known—particularly to tourists flying in from the governmentally gloomy Delhi—as “the place where the action is,” but this was not what that blurb-writer had in mind.

If the rest of the world got sketchy, second-hand reports of what happened in Bombay, part of the reason is that Western news organizations prefer to base all their correspondents in New Delhi. The thinking in those corporate boardrooms—that India, like other Third World countries, is governed exclusively from its political capital and that its trade centers don’t really matter—sadly hasn’t kept pace with the changing times and policies in India.

I was probably the only journalist representing a foreign news publication in the area when those bombs went off. I was out shopping for shirts with my wife. For an eerie minute, nothing seemed to move. Then, in an instant, people were scampering across the rows of stranded cars, shouting,

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Ambassador Muhamed Sacirbey of Bosnia compared Serbian aggression in his country to Nazi atrocities.

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of will to deal with this for what it is—an act of ethnic aggression.”

Instead, he said, the international community has been encouraging people who have lived peacefully together for centuries to divide now into ethnic or religious ghettos.

“Intolerance and warfare are the exceptions, not the rule (in Bosnia),” he said. “These people have managed to live for 500 years together with mosques, synagogues and churches next to each other, without regard for religion.”

Sacirbey, who is Muslim, emphasized that there is “no chance” of Islamic fundamentalism taking over Bosnia. However, he said, some Bosnian Muslims who feel abandoned by the outside world might turn to “Islamic political radicalism” and strike out against both the Serbs and the international community, who they feel have done little to help them.

Sacirbey also warned that the situation in Bosnia may foreshadow more nationalist violence in other former Soviet-controlled lands.

He compared Serbian President Slobodan Milosevic to Mussolini, who he said “taught Hitler some of his

lessons,” and warned that “likely a new Hitler is being shaped somewhere in Eastern Europe or more likely Russia.”

Russia, he said, displays many of the same characteristics that made Germany ripe for the rise of national Socialism in the 1930s.

“Russia is a defeated country,” he said. “It has tremendous economic problems, a proud and powerful neo-colonialist and imperialist past with a very limited if any tradition of democracy, with many neighbors who contain significant Russian minorities. And remember, Hitler’s initial steps were on the basis of protecting German minorities in neighboring countries.”

Sacirbey, a native Bosnian, came to the United States in 1963 at 7, after his parents refused to join the Yugoslavian communist party.

During the question and answer session, Sacirbey emphasized the need for more direct involvement by the West in the Bosnian war, starting with a lifting of the arms embargo that has hampered Bosnians fighting against Serbian nationalists. The Serbs have taken advantage of the military and paramilitary complex left by the Soviet Union.

“We don’t need to win the war for the Bosnians,” he said.

“We just need to give them a better chance of winning for themselves.”

Henry Gellermann Is Dead at 80

BY HERB KUPFERBERG

Henry Gellermann, former President of the Overseas Press Club and one of its bulwarks since he joined in 1941, died March 17 in New York after a brief illness. He was 80.

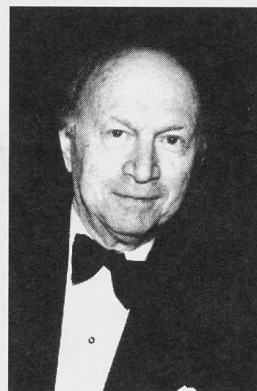
Gellermann’s presidency ran two terms, from 1978 to 1982, a period during which the club was housed at the Chemists Club and held its annual banquets on the Waldorf Roof. His interest and involvement with the OPC continued unabated afterwards. As chairman of the Nominating Committee, he played an active role in designating at least two of his successors; he helped to assure the professionalism of the Club’s office operations, and he served as President of the OPC Foundation from 1982 to 1991.

Peppery, opinionated and articulate,

Henry Gellermann never lost his love for the club even when—

following the end of his tenure—it pursued policies of which he did not necessarily approve. For all his curmudgeonly exertion, Gellermann’s fellow board members never lost their respect for him or for the views which he propounded with great vigor, whether in person or on the phone.

Gellermann, who always preserved a certain European patina in his speech



Henry Gellermann

and demeanor, had a rich and varied background in journalism and public relations work, although he seldom spoke about either his personal or professional experiences.

Born in Munich in 1912, he came to the U.S. and was naturalized in 1929, and graduated from Columbia University in 1934. He joined the United Press in 1935 and, after a temporary fling at sports writing (of which, he acknowledged, he knew little), he became a UP financial writer. He served in World War II, rising to the rank of major, and in the Korean war. He was a holder of the Bronze Star.

Gellermann was the author of two books, and he also wrote articles for newspapers and magazines. He is survived by his wife, the former Sylvia Solal, whom he married in 1961.

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“Bomb, bomb, bomb!” Then we heard an explosion. Only a few blocks away, a car bomb had shattered the basement and two floors of the Air-India building. The road had suddenly become a blur as ambulances and police cars went whizzing past.

We drove toward the shops skirting the wholesale commodity markets but were thwarted by a deafening blast from behind the block of buildings we had entered. We rushed out on to the street to find smoke and dust billowing from behind a mosque.

The explosion in the midst of a market crammed with men and goods meant a huge loss in life and property.

We rushed home, but got nothing from the government-controlled radio



Bombay policemen guard building gutted in March 12 blasts that killed 225.

and television. Worse, the phones went dead—another known governmental tactic to botch rumors. But they came thick and fast: Pakistan had sent in paratroopers to bomb the city; the Muslims were seeking retribution for the earlier riots—isn’t it a Friday, just the time to start a jihad or a holy war?

In the aircraft next day, the morning papers arrived with the gory details. My own version was written nearly 7,000 miles from the scene, in sanguine London, where I had managed to arrive without the shirts I had gone shopping for but, fortunately, alive.

Shekhar Hattangadi is the Bombay correspondent for McGraw-Hill publications, including BusinessWeek, and a member of the Bombay Press Club.



The pleasure is yours: Here, the lobby of the Manila Hotel of the Philippines. Says Robin Moyer of *Time*: “When all else fails in the Philippines...the Manila Hotel will be working.”

Where to Stay in Asia

Correspondents Name Their Favorite Haunts

BY AL KAFF

“It is no secret that correspondents, on the whole, stay in good hotels,” said *The Correspondent*, the monthly magazine of the Foreign Correspondents Club in Hong Kong. Its editors asked several regular members to name their most preferred hotel in Asia:

Ben Tierney, *Southam News* of Canada, picks the Philippine Plaza in Manila. During the 1986 revolt that ended the Marcos regime, Tierney dictated a 1,200-word story from Camp Crame, anti-Marcos headquarters, to a woman in the business center in the Philippine Plaza. “She was fast. She was accurate. Besides the extraordinarily helpful business center, the Plaza has a wonderful little bar on an island in the middle of the swimming pool.”

FCC President Steve Vines of *The Guardian* likes the Eastern and Oriental Hotel in Penang, Malaysia. “This is one of the classic colonial hotels, built in an age when space was not at a premium and standard formula hotel rooms had thankfully not been invented.”

Stefan Reisner, *Stern* magazine, opts for the Oberoi in Calcutta. “When I say the hotel managed to get my call through at 4 a.m. in the dark Calcutta morning, everybody who ever tried to

ring up his mother/girl friend/editor out of India will understand my appreciation.”

Robin Moyer, *Time* magazine, steers you to the Manila Hotel. “When all else fails in the Philippines, as it so often does, you can be sure of one thing—the Manila Hotel will be working. The staff seems to want somehow to become an intimate part of your life. After a week or so, every staff member will be greeting you by name and always with a smile.”

Joseph Keller, a freelance cinematographer, remembers the Yak and

A story was dictated from an anti-Marcos base to the business center in Manila’s Philippine Plaza

Yeti Hotel in Kathmandu, Nepal. The Naachgar Theater Restaurant is situated in the hotel’s old wing that was a palace more than 100 years ago. “Cultural shows and food fit for a king are served there. Take note of the Bohemian chandeliers. They are all original. The period furniture, the service, the food all go back to a time when everything was simpler.”

More Struggle For a Free Latin American Press

BY NORMAN SCHORR

Last month, we covered several findings of the Inter American Press Association (IAPA) report, which discloses various levels of danger and censorship the press faces in Latin American countries. Here is the status in Guatemala, Haiti and Paraguay:

Guatemala: Nestor Fernandez, a reporter for the morning newspaper, *Prensa Libre*, left the country with his family after frequent visits by armed men, telephone threats and an attack on his father. His alleged offense? His paper carried a picture of an Army officer in charge of troops who roughed up a group of journalists.

Haiti: “The repression and coercion against journalists, especially those in radio, continue,” the IAPA reports. One example: A radio reporter covering a demonstration outside a school was beaten and his life threatened.

Paraguay: The press operates without government constraints and has been disclosing corruption in the military and private sectors. However, the country’s new constitution includes legislation that could restrict press freedom.